

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Richard DUBETTIER-GERNIER, et al.
Application No.: 10/589,936
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Title: Method for Renovating a Combined Blast Furnace and
Air/Gas Separation Unit System
TC/A.U.: 1793
Examiner: Tima Michele MCGUTHRY-BANKS
Docket No.: Serie 6501
Customer No.: 40582

RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed May 20, 2009, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on July 20, 2009, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the following amendments and/or remarks:

Amendment to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.